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1. The Albanian Government is taking measures to suppress the allegedly growing movement of resistance throughout the country, of which the attempt to blow up the Soviet Embassy is considered to be symptomatic.
2. The Government has reportedly again ordered that all arms (including those used for hunting) be turned in to the police within ten days.
3. The number of Soviet "experts" in Albania has reportedly risen to 15,000 as a result of Hoxha's lack of faith in his own entourage and the Albanian armed forces. In the event of revolt, Hoxha was expected to seek Soviet protection.
4. The discharge of the Vice-President of the Council of Ministers and the Minister of Industry* is cited as a further indication of Hoxha's preoccupation with the disloyalty of his official entourage; unconfirmed reports state that both these former officials are now in prison.

Comment: Although the strengthening of Government repressive measures in Albania has previously been reported, the above information should be treated with reserve until the individual items contained therein have been confirmed.

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